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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 30, 2006 for which a response was due on November 30, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 28, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.